

December 20, 2002

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Amendment of Section 90.20 and 90.175 of the Commission's Rules for
Frequency Coordination of Public Safety Frequencies in the Private Land Mobile
Radio Below-470 MHz Band; WT Docket No. 02-285

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On September 19, 2002, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking soliciting comments on a Petition for Rulemaking that was filed by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials International, Inc. The Petition asked that the Commission to begin competitive frequency coordination for the public safety pool frequencies below 512 MHz.

I am writing this letter because the outcome of this proceeding could potentially be very favorable for both my business and the customers I serve. I operate a private land mobile radio dealership that provides communications equipment and service to private wireless licensees, and public safety licensees.

The current process for applying for public safety frequency coordination takes too much time. One example of how ridiculous the length of time it takes to process applications is with one of our customers that is a local fire station. We submitted an application on their behalf to IMSA for an input frequency. That particular application took 18 months to process and this experience is not out of the ordinary for many of our public safety customers. This is completely unacceptable for a public safety entity. Furthermore, it is not in the best interest of the public they serve. We strongly support allowing all public safety and industrial business coordinators eligibility to coordinate public safety channels.

There are many constructive outcomes that businesses, public safety entities, and the general public would receive from opening competition in the public safety pool to all industrial business and public safety coordinators. Most importantly, the speed of service would increase. Additionally, competition will automatically bring about lower costs, saving the taxpayers money and staying competitive requires organizations to use innovative and efficient ways to serve customers.

The public interest would be greatly served if competition were opened to all public safety and industrial business coordinators for all public safety services.

Respectfully,

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